

REMARKS

In the Office Action, the Examiner objected to the term "signed" in Claim 11. Claims 1-5 and 7 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Halleck in U.S. Patent No. 6,356,203. Claim 6 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Halleck, U.S. Patent No. 6,356,203. Additionally, claims 8-10 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Halleck in view of Ricks, U.S. Patent No. 4,784,162. Finally, claims 11-14 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Ricks in view of Halleck, U.S. Patent No. 6,356,203.

Applicant would like to thank Examiner Pham for the consideration given applicant's attorney at the interview of December 13, 2005. At the interview, agreement was reached to amend claims 1 and 11 to overcome the prior art of record. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that the application is now in condition for allowance.

Based on the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the claims in the present application, as they now stand, patentably distinguish over the references cited and applied by the Examiner and are, therefore, in condition for allowance. A Notice of Allowance is in order, and such favorable action and reconsideration are respectfully requested.

However, if after reviewing the above amendments and remarks, the Examiner has any questions or comments, he is cordially invited to contact the undersigned attorneys.

Respectfully submitted,

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